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SUBJECT: FALL ELECTION IN QUEBEC?

1. PREMIER BOURASSA BROACHED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE NOVEMBER ELECTION IN MEETING OF CABINET YESTERDAY. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WERE DIVIDED "DOWN MIDDLE" ON ADVISABILETY OF CALLING ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. THOSE OPPOSED ALLEGEDLY FEAR LIBERALS WILL FARE POORLY IN EARLY ELECTION WHILE THOSE WHO FAVOR ELECTION BELIEVE PARTY S PROSPECTS WILL BE EVEN WORSE NEXT YEAR. FACT THAT BOURASSA RAISED QUESTION IN CABINET MEETING WAS CITED BY LIBERAL SOURCE AS INDICATION "ODDS ARE BETTER THAN EVEN" THAT PREMIER WILL DECIDE HOLD ELECTION.

2. ACCORDING LIBERAL SOURCE, DECISIVE FACTOR IN DECISION HOLD ELECTION THIS YEAR IS JUDGEMENT THAT OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES ON LEFT AND RIGHT ARE NOW IN DISARRAY. PARTI QUEBECOIS IS BADLY DIVIDED OVER RECENT COLLAPSE OF PARTY SPONSORED LE JOUR NEWSPAPER. ON RIGHT SIDE OF SPECTRUM, CONTINUED SQUABBLING AND FAILURE TO UNITE SPLINTER PARTIES ALSO LIMITS THREAT OF FORMATION VIABLE FEDERALIST ALTERNATIVE TO LIBERAL.

3. MONTREAL GAZETTE OF SEPT 30 REPORTED INFORMED SPECULATION
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THAT SIX CABINET MEMBERS AND TWELVE LIBERAL BACKBENCHERS

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HAY NOT RUN IN NEXT ELECTION. MINISTERS MENTIONED WERE:
SRANCOIS CLOUTIER, MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WHO
HAS BEEN NAMED QUEBEC DELEGATE GENERAL IN PARIS, CLAUDE SIMARD,
HUCH CRITICISED MINISTER OF TOURISM AND BOURASSA'S BROTHER-IN-
LAW, KEVIN DRUMMOND, AGRICULTURAL MINISTER, WILLIAM TETLEY,
PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER, ROBERT QUENNEVILLE, REVENUE MINISTER,
AND JEAN COURNOYER, NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER.

3. COMMENT: THE INCLUSION OF ANGLOPHONES TETLEY AND
DRUMMOND ON LIST MAY BE TARDY RECOGNITION OF DEEP DISSATISFACTION
OF MONTREAL ANGLOPHONE VOTERS WITH LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS NEGLECT
OF THEIR INTERESTS. CRITICISM OF BOTH MINISTERS HAS BEEN
PARTICULARLY HARSH FOR THEIR ALLEGED FAILURE TO DEFEND THEIR
CONSTITUENTS INTERESTS. COURNOYER, WHO RECENTLY DENIED
RUMORS OF HIS IMPENDING WITHDRAWAL FROM POLITICS, ALSO REPRE-
SENTS MONTREAL RIDING WHICH IS 80 PERCENT ANGLOPHONE. SHOULD
HE RUN IN NEXT ELECTION, HE WILL HAVE UP-HILL FIGHT IF OPPOSED
BT ATTRACTIVE CANDIDATE.
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